



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Where did the year go? It seemed like yesterday we were opening our doors for a brand new year and now it is less than a week to the end of another incredible school year. Our grade 3 and 6 students wrote the EQAO assessment at the end of May and early June. While this was happening all of our classrooms were busy building bridges, writing poetry, learning about point of view and so much more!



Timberbank is a school that focusses on learning and we are so proud of our accomplishments this year. Our very musically talented students performed at our "Spring Celebration" on Wednesday, June 19th. From our band, to our Mongolian chopsticks, to our Eco-literacy presentation of "The Lorax", to our "jazzy" grade 5s or the famous "LOVE" performance of our grade 4s and 6s, it was a memorable evening for everyone!

Once again, our School Council and staff organized and volunteered at the Timberbank Spring Fair on June 8, 2013. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time enjoying the many different activities that were happening. Some enjoyed the jumpy castles, some were thrilled by great soccer skills, some toured the Leafs Nation truck, some got "dunked", some ate cotton candy/popcorn while others got their faces painted, henna design or nails done. Whatever the activity, I think that all would agree that it was a terrific event that brought our community together. Thank you so much for your continuous support throughout the year.

As the June report cards go home this Thursday, June 27th and we prepare for the summer holidays, we are also saying good-bye to some of our staff. We want to congratulate Mrs. Lee-Davis on her promotion to Vice-Principal at Kew Beach PS; Mrs. Hwang-Kim on her promotion to Instructional Leader for Music in the East Region; and to Ms Runighan for securing a full-time position. We are truly going to miss them and want to wish them all the best in their new roles. We would like to welcome some of our new staff: Ms Mourad; Ms Namasivayam; Ms Spirou; and Mr. Stoyan. We are so pleased to have them join our Timberbank Family!

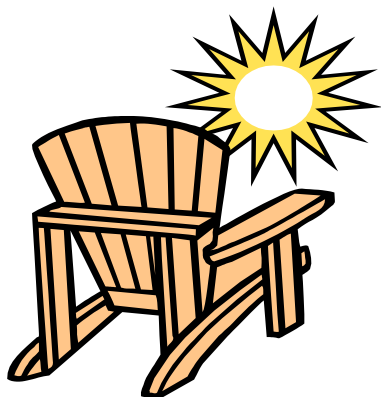
From all of us, we would like to wish everyone happy summer holidays! Play hard, play safe, have fun and we'll see you on September 3rd.

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

Upcoming Dates

June 24	Primary classes visit Reptilia
June 26	Grade 6 Farewell @ 2:00 pm
June 27	Last Day of School for students
June 27	Report Cards Go Home
June 28	PA Day - no school for students

June 28 - **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**
Sept 2



Our Co-ed Soccer Team

Thanks to Mr. Katz for coaching our team this year. They participated in a one-day tournament and had a great time!



Our Dance Club performs for Folkfest on

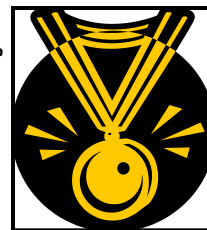


May 14th !



ECO News

We did it! We had our EcoAudit in June and achieved GOLD!!!



Thanks to everyone's hard work and commitment and to our Ecoteam for leading the way. We are excited to be one of the schools in the "Green Bin Project" for next year and look forward to learning about "delamping" in the year's to come.

A big thank you to our Ecoteam for everything they did to help us achieve GOLD and for recently creating a beautiful herb garden. Well done!!

Remember to continue to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair" and hold on to those Milk Bags till September !



Mrs. De Sousa and Mrs. Jeung's classes have been learning about artists and the special techniques that they use in their artwork. This month, we learned about Claude Monet.

The Grade One students learned that Monet liked to paint outdoor scenes, such as sunny fields or snowy roads. The Grade Two students learned that Monet layered his oil paint to create his ripples, reflections, and glowing lilies for his famous "Water Lilies" artwork.

We created a similar effect using layers of coloured tissue paper, just like Monet.



Claude Monet, 1914



Grade 1 & 1/2 Class

Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit.
- **The Smoke-Free Ontario Act** prohibits anyone from holding or smoking lighted tobacco on any public or private school property at any time. This includes school parking lots, inside vehicles, driveways, fields, playgrounds etc...
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.



Reminder!

Timberbank's Spring Fair 2013!



We are POETS!

Three poems written by the Gr. 2/3 students in Mrs. Lee-Davis' class

Timberbank Jr PS

Fun, Teamwork

Learning, Playing, Thinking

Excited, Joyful, Amazed, Surprised

School



There once was a school called Timberbank,

At the Spring Fair there was a Dunk Tank,

For a ticket it cost one dollar in cash,

Mrs. Epitropou fell into the water splash-splash,

The School Council, teachers, and principal we'd like to thank!

Students at this school work together

Caring about each other makes our lives better

Helping each other is what we do best

Our principal and teachers help us to do the rest

Our hope for the future is to keep learning a lot

Lessons on Teamwork, Respect, Attitude, Cooperation, and Kindness...it's what we've got!



Grade 1s Learn to do Movie/Book Reviews

This month, we read the story "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." "The book was a magical adventure!" said Mariam. Everyone liked the book. When we finished reading it, we watched the movie "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory." We thought the movie was funny! We also watched "James and the Giant Peach." All these stories are created by Roald Dahl. We know that his stories usually include a young main character who is sad, nice, and hopeful. There are also mean characters who treat the main characters badly. Dahl also likes to include elements of magic. Here is an example of one of our movie reviews in our newspaper.

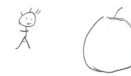
Movie Reviews



Willy Wonka and the chocolate factory



Willy Wonka and the chocolate factory is a good movie. The characters were nice because Charlie is kind and Charlie listens. Willy Wonka is good because he gives everyone chocolate. He is nice to everyone. Veruca Salt is a bad girl because she is mean. I like the movie. go and see the movie!



James and the giant peach

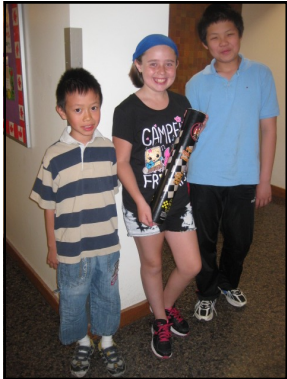


James and the giant peach I like the character Mr. Spidey. She is nice because she helps her friends. James is good because he listens. James is bad because she is mean. go and see the movie!

CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONS

For the first time this year, we held a three-day chess tournament in our library. Thanks to Anda for all of his hard work to create the schedule and to all the other students who helped make it happen. It was all student-directed and we were so proud of them.

Congratulations to: George, Taylor, and Patrick, our chess champions!

**Student Placement For Next Year**

Many variables are taken into consideration so that the classes each year are balanced and there are students of varying abilities in each class. Each year there are also changes in teaching personnel (particularly this year) and in teaching assignments. For this reason, the next year's placement for your child will no longer be included on the June report card. The class lists will be available on the first day of school.

On September 3, 2013 all students and their parents will be invited to the gym for a formal welcome back where the class lists will be posted and teachers will meet their new students. This way we can continue to create balanced classes as we get many new registrations over the summer.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs. Epitropou

**OUR JK/SKs share from Mrs. Montgomery's class:****Things we did at the farm:**

We fed the goats. (Arusan)

We planted strawberries. (Lukas)

We saw a chick. (Berlin)

We touched a bunny. (Cynbia)

We milked a fake cow. (Tyler)

We had a wagon ride. (Harine)

We rode a bus. (Cici)

We went in the forest and heard some stories. (Neer)

We saw a pony. (Kathir)

We saw lots of chickens. (Emily)

We went in a maze. (Nadia)

**Things we learned:**

We learned a new bee song. (Chris)

We learned how to plant strawberries. (Lukas)

We learned new stories. (Saba)

We learned about animals. (Ian)

Thanks moms and grandmas for coming and helping us at the farm!

